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## Viewing cable 09TRIPOLI65, PAN AM BOMBER AL-MEGRAHI: THE VIEW FROM TRIPOLI

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#09TRIPOLI65**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09TRIPOLI65	2009-01-28 17:00	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL//NOFORN	Embassy Tripoli

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/wikileaks-files/libya-wikileaks/>

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RUEHSW/AMEMBASSY BERN IMMEDIATE 0033
RUEHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE 0678
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RHMFISS/DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC
RUEHTRO/AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI 4901
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EO 12958 DECL: 1/28/2019  
TAGS PREL, PGOV, PTER, LY, UK  
SUBJECT: PAN AM BOMBER AL-MEGRAHI: THE VIEW FROM TRIPOLI

REF: A) LONDON 209, B) 06 TRIPOLI 0055, C) 08 TRIPOLI 994

CLASSIFIED BY: Gene A. Cretz, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy - Tripoli, U.S. Dept of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d) 1. (C/NF) Summary: While Libya has a AL-MEGRAHI'S CASE IS THE GOL'S MOST SENSITIVE AT PRESENT

¶2. (C/NF) Consistent with information reported reftel, U.K. Emboffs here have interpreted the lengthy and repeated visits to the U.K. by MFA P U.K. EMBASSY FOCUSED ON TRANSFER UNDER PTA AND SECURITY POSTURE

¶3. (C/NF) U.K. Embassy interlocutors here tell us they are planning for a scenario in which the U.K.-Libya Prisoner Transfer Agreement (PTA)

¶4. (C/NF) Citing demonstrations in Benghazi against the Italian consulate in 2006 that rapidly turned violent (ref B) and the quick curtailme IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. INTERESTS

¶5. (C/NF) If the USG publicly opposes al-Megrahi's release (or is perceived to be complicit in a decision to keep al-Megrahi in prison), Post

¶6. (C/NF) Comment: Despite the GOL's strategic decision in 2003 to take steps to facilitate its acceptance back into the community of nations, CRETZ